East Islip School District

Homework Guidelines

For the purpose of this document ond with regord to district educotionol practice, the term homework is defined os tasks assigned to students by school teochers thot are intended to be corried out durinq non-school hours.

Well-designed homework engages students in valuable activities independently and collaboratively to practice,

reinforce, extend or apply knowledge and skills beyond the classroom. Homework serves an important purpose in the education of students. Research, over the past 40 years, has found that students benefit from doing school work outside of school. Curriculum proficiencies and instructional practices employed by the teacher determine the nature of homework. The East lslip School District's Excellence in Learning (ElL) committee has developed

homework guidelines which reflect the New York State Curriculum Guidelines and provide consistency in expectations amongst our district's grade levels and schools.

Purpose of Homework:
r Provide practice and review of skills
r Create interest in new material which will be presented in future lessons
r Provide parents with the opportunity to review students' assignments and participate in supplemental

instruction

r Provide assessment of prior learning
r Accountability for learning

Student's Responsibili ty:

o students should make sure they understand what to do before leaving
r students should assure that they take home necessary materials

o lt is the students'responsibility to know their homework assignments and turn assignments in on time o The student should maintain high quality homework assignments
o Students must make every effort to take required books and materials home as needed. For safetv and security reasons, students may not return to the classroom after dismissal for forgotten items
Parent's Responsibility:

o See to it that the child knows what is expected and completes daily and long-term assignments

r Encourage and motivate your child but refrain from doing assignments or providing direct answers o Contact the teacher if the child is experiencing unnecessary difficulty with assignments
Teacher's Responsibili ty;
. Articulate clear consistent expectations to students and parents

r Develop systems for reviewing and checking student assignments when they are due r Provide informal feedback on homework assignments
o Record assessment data for homework assignments issued
o Ensure that allstudents have access to all resources needed to complete the assignment and that written
directions are given

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